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FOLLOWING REPEAT ROME 15807 ACTION SECSTATE 28 SEP 76.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 15807

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON SECRETARY'S
INITIATIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. IN THE COURSE OF BRIEF MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI (REPORTED SEPTTEL), HE VOLUNTEERED A FEW OBSERVATIONS OF HIS MEETING YESTERDAY WITH LOPO DO NASCIMENTO, THE PRIME MINISTER OF ANGOLA, WHO WAS IN ROME FOR THE OPENING OF AIR SERVICE BETWEEN LUANDA AND ROME. ANDREOTTI SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT DESCRIBE NASCIMENTO'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SECRETARY'S PLAN AS NEGATIVE EVEN THOUGH NASCIMENTO HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT ASPECTS OF THE PLAN. FOR EXAMPLE, ANDREOTTI MENTIONED THAT NASCIMENTO SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE FACT THAT TWO WHITES WOULD ALWAYS HAVE TO BE IN THE RHODESIAN CABINET. ANDREOTTI SAID HE COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER THIS PART OF THE PLAN WAS RAISED ONLY AS A BARGAINING PLOY.

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2. ANDREOTTI ALSO MENTIONED HIS PERSONAL ADMIRATION AND

PRAISE FOR THE SECRETARY'S TREMENDOUS EFFORTS AND ACHIEVE-
MENT AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SOMETHING TRULY CONSTRUCTIVE
WILL RESULT FROM THEM. VOLPE
UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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